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REMARKS

The Office Action of 06/21/2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the claims have been amended as set forth above. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 17 and 18 were rejected as being unpatentable over Houlihan in view of Hayes. The remaining claims were rejected as being unpatentable over the foregoing combination further in view of various tertiary references. The claims have been amended to more clearly define over the cited references. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.


In particular, the claims have been amended to recite that the physically-shortened electric antenna is designed so as to not require manipulation by a user. No such feature is believed to be taught or suggested by the cited references.

In Houlihan, each of the disclosed embodiments includes an antenna that is manipulated by a user. Note, for example, Figure 4 (second embodiment), col. 3, lines 40-50 (first embodiment), and col. 5, lines 20-25 (third embodiment).

Also in Hayes, the antenna is manipulated (i.e., pulled out) by the user (Abstract).

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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